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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA PLACES IMPORT BAN ON 128
ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCES ALLOCATION OF EXCHANGE
FOR 1977

REFERENCE: KINGSTON 0570

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA HAS PLACED AN ADDITIONAL 128
ITEMS ON THE LIST OF BANNED IMPORTS. AMONG THE ITEMS
ARE CONFECTIONERY, MARGARINE, TOMATO KETCHUP, VEGETABLES,
WHISKEY, MOTOR CARS, RADIO RECEIVERS, TELEVISION SETS, CAT AND
DOG FOODS, WATCHES, ADDING MACHINES, PLATES AND DISHES, PAPER
ROLLS FOR CALCULATORS, PREPARED FROZEN FOODS, COSMETICS,
TOILET PREPARATIONS, AND HOUSEHOLD LINENS. THE NEW LIST
JOINS A WIDE RANGE OF OTHER ITEMS BANNED
SINCE 1972. THE GOJ HAS ALSO PLACED THE IMPORT OF LEATHER
UNDER CONTROLS. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, LOCAL FOOTWEAR
MANUFACTURERS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO IMPORT LEATHER ON
THE BASIS OF HAVING PURCHASED PART OF THEIR REQUIREMENTS FROM
THE LOCAL TANNERY. IMPORT ENTITLEMENTS ALREADY EARNED ON THIS
BASIS, BUT NOT YET USED, HAVE ALSO BEEN SUSPENDED.
BUT IMPORTS OF LEATHER WILL CONTINUE FOR THOSE MANUFACTURERS
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WHO EXPORT. DEPENDING ON FOREIGN CURRENCY RESTRAINTS, THE
IMPORT OF GOATSKIN AND PIGSKIN UNDER LICENSES WILL CONTINUE.

2. IN A MINISTRY PAPER PLACED BEFORE THE JAMAICAN PARLIAMENT
BY THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, VIVIAN BLAKE,
THE GOVERNMENT ALSO GAVE A BREAKDOWN OF THE ESTIMATED J\$600
MILLION IMPORT BILL FOR 1977. PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM

PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED J\$210 MILLION; RAW MATERIALS, J\$200 MILLION; CAPITAL GOODS J\$75 MILLION; FOOD J\$70 MILLION. THE REMAINING J\$45 MILLION WILL GO TO THE IMPORT OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS." THE MINISTRY PAPER STATES THAT PRIORITY IN FOOD IMPORTS WILL BE GIVEN TO RICE, COUNTER FLOUR, CHICKEN NECKS AND BACKS, CODFISH, SKIM MILK POWDER, CORNED BEEF, CANNED AND PICKLED FISH AND PICKLED MEAT.

3. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD FULL TEXT OF MINISTRY PAPER BY POUCH.
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